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SUBJ: AMOUZEGAR REPLIES ON RECONVENING PREPCON

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUBSTANCE OF GOI MININT/OPEC REP AMOUZEGAR'S REPLY TO AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TRANSMITTING TEXTS OF SECRETARY'S SPEECHES TO IEA AND OECD (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):
QUOTE WE FEEL THAT EVOLUTION OF US ATTITUDES TOWARDS RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER ISSUES OF DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN LESS DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CONSTITUTES A POSITIVE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE, AND NOTE WITH APPRECIATION THE STEPS TAKEN TO MOVE AWAY FROM ATMOSPHERE OF CONFRONTATION, WHICH UNFORTUNATELY WE HAD BEEN FACING SO FAR, TO REALM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AND ENERGY EXPORTING AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

IN THIS CONTEXT, WE WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTION FOR RECONVENING PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH, AS A FIRST STEP FOR THE DIALOGUE IN SAME FORMAT AS BEFORE. HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE OUR POSITION THAT IN ADDITION TO BROADENING THE ITEMS OF DISCUSSION TO COVER THE ENTIRE RANGE OF ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, DIALOGUE CANNOT BE MEANINGFUL UNLESS THE PARTIES CONCERNED ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALSO THE ISSUE OF PROTECTION OF PURCHASING POWER OF EXPORT EARNINGS OF ENERGY EXPORTING AND OTHER RAW MATERIAL PRODUCING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND TO TAKE NECESSARY DECISIONS TO THAT EFFECT.

AS REGARDS OTHER ITEMS REFERRED TO IN YOUR LETTER AND IN STATEMENTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AS AREAS OF DISCUSSION AND COOPERATION, WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEM WITHIN THE BROADENED AGENDA OF THE DIALOGUE. IN PARTICULAR, I MUST EXPRESS MY DEEP SATISFACTION FOR INCLUDING IN THE PROPOSALS THE FOOD QUESTION, WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS (SIC) OF HUMANITY IN THE COMING DECADES. IRANIAN DELEGATION, DURING THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE OF ROME LAST YEAR, MADE A SPECIAL PLEA - BUT WITH LITTLE SUCCESS - TO DRAW WORLD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM AND TO MOBILIZE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR ITS SOLUTION - THROUGH VARIOUS SCHEMES INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A FUND FOR INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION. THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE IRANIAN PROPOSAL ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT BELATED IS DEFINITELY A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP FORWARD.

UNDOUBTEDLY MANY ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL AGENDA FOR THE DIALOGUE WILL BE TAKEN UP IN OTHER FORA, INCLUDING THE FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN WHICH I AM EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE. IT IS OUR INTENTION AND HOPE THAT THE DIALOGUE AND DECISIONS RESULTING FROM IT WILL LEAD TO CONCRETE ACTIONS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR

THROUGH VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. (SIGNED) J.
AMOUZEGAR UNQUOTE.

2. COPY OF AMOUZEGAR'S LETTER FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM. OUT FIRST
REACTION TO THIS OFFICIAL GOI REPLY IS THAT IT IS FAVORABLE
IN SUPPORTING RECONVENING SOON AND IN SAME FORMAT. IRANIAN
POSITION ON INDEXING REMAINS FIRM, HOWEVER, AND AMOUZEGAR
APPEARS TO HAVE LINED "PROTECTION OF EXPORT EARNINGS" OF
ENERGY EXPORTERS AND OTHER RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS IN CLOSER
AND MORE PARALLEL MANNER THAN GOI SPOKESMEN HAVE DONE IN PAST.

3. WE WOUNDER WHETHER USG MIGHT BE WILLING TO EXPLORE WITH GOI
SOME WORDING SUCH AS "STUDY OF POSSIBLE NEED TO PROTECT EXPORT
EARNINGS OF RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS." OUR PERCEPTION CONTINUES
TO BE THAT INDEXING OF SOME SORT IS A SINE QUA NON FOR ANY ACCOM-
MODATION WITH PRODUCERS; THAT IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT ON INDEX-
ING, OPEC WILL SIMPLY IMPOSE ITS OWN INDEX UNILATERALLY, AND
THAT NEGOTIATED INDEX WIOUD LIKELY BE MORE FAVORABLE TO CONSUMERS
THAN UNILATERAL ONE.

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